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MEMORANDUM:

TO: Agency Security Officers

FROM: Benny Ambler, Acting Security Director *ABA*

SUBJECT: New ACF2 6.5 Maintenance

VITA's Security Services Directorate has been testing a new SP00 maintenance level for the ACF2 6.5 security product and the CICS interface. The SP00 maintenance will upgrade the ACF2 base product and CICS interface to the current version level supported by the supplier, Computer Associates. Not only will this upgrade benefit our users by providing the latest product enhancements, but it will also provide a higher level of security. This is just one other way VITA is following security industry best practices to provide better security to our users to protect Commonwealth data. The following changes and security enhancements include:

1. New passwords will require at least one numeric character. These characters can be a suffix, prefix, or embedded in the password. You will encounter this feature the next time you are required to change your password.

2. The maximum number of security violations that can occur in a single job, TSO session, or CICS session has decreased from 8 to 7.

The *tentative* schedule for installation is Wednesday December 3, 2003 for SYS6 and Sunday December 7, 2003 for SYS1 and SYS2.

If you have any questions, please contact VITA's Customer Care Center at 786-3932 or 1-866-637-VITA (8482).